

Town of Payson
Parks & Recreation Commission Advisory Board

ACTION MINUTES FOR THE PUBLIC MEETING

Meeting Date: Monday, March 15, 2021

Location: Town Hall Council Chambers, 303 N. Beeline Highway, Payson, Arizona 85541 and virtually via Zoom.

Call to Order: Called to Order by Commission Chair Ben McDowell at 5:32pm.

Roll Call:

Benjamin McDowell (Chair), present
Lori Thompson, present virtually via Zoom
Carolyn Decker, present virtually via Zoom
BJ Bollier (Vice Chair), present
Stephen Otto, absent
Dave Golembewski, present
Joe Miller, present

Staff Present: Courtney Spawn, Phoenix Youngcourt, Steve DeHaan.

Others Present: Town Partners/Presenters and members of the public via Zoom

A. Purpose of meeting

1. Corporate Strategic Plan (CSP) meeting follow-up and discussion.

Courtney Spawn thanked Vice Chair BJ Bollier for addressing the Town Council with the needs and desires of the community at the meeting on February 23rd, 2021. Courtney gave a background on the annual budget process and stated there was a highlighted priority of the need for a Community Center and a Master Plan, along with maintenance of existing facilities and Event Center. With that, Staff across the Town, specifically The Parks and Recreation Department, is working on a plan across the board to fulfill these needs and desires. She states it is nice to see Council and members of the Commission sharing the same goal.

2. ADDED – Discussion and possible action regarding Town Council direction for the Parks & Recreation Commission to work with the Town Partners to engage the community in feedback about possible Community Center and park design elements, alternatives, and amenities. Added on 3/12/2021 at 12:53pm.

Courtney Spawn states at the March 11th, 2021 Council meeting the direction was provided to the Parks & Recreation Commission to work with Town Partners in an effort to engage with the Payson Community to obtain feedback about the possibility of a Community Center and Park Development project. Courtney invited the partners to address the Commission by providing introductions and provide some background.

Kenny Evans introduces the team from RSP Architects and EEC (Engineering and Environmental Consultants). He states Daniel Cleland has been working within the community for many years and has a lot of experience. Kenny goes on to state they asked RSP, as their architect, to find the best person for this project and they recommended Daniel for the position and they are thrilled to have him on board. In addition, they also have Dawn Brown to help with the survey and other components of the Park and Community Center, she will help gather information of what will best incorporate and fit within their parameters of the property they have here.

Daniel Cleland states he has worked privately/publicly in Payson for 35 years. He was involved in the final Event Center Master Plan here in Payson, as well. He states the first step is dictated by what the existing and current ecosystem can hold/preserve without damage. The second step is a preliminary programming, a bubble diagram, which enables them to do the grading design with plates where football, pickle ball and parking can go. Daniel goes on to summarize these specific items regarding drainage and provide a history on his experience in other situations similar to this. He states after Dawn Brown completes her community survey that queries the residents on what they use and are looking for, he will revise the plan, but the process starts with the preservation and plan for the site. After that, it goes to the general plan on what they can fit without damage and then the community input to refine it.

Dawn Brown presents her draft survey for this site to gather input from the community. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the feedback and input from Commission members of how the survey should read.

Jennifer Smith shares next step for the survey and explains they will push out the survey to the public, it typically takes a couple weeks before the answers start to wean off and then they will begin to compile the data.

Daniel Cleland states he hopes to fast track and get the grading bid out and have earth moving by July 4, 2021.

B. Adjournment

Chair McDowell adjourned the meeting at 7:10p.m.

Approved

Ben McDowell, Chair

Date

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the Town of Payson held on the 3rd day of February, 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Phoenix Youngcourt, Customer Service Representative